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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of James F. Wilcox for INTERNAL TELESCOPIC TUBE LOCKING DEVICE comprising 14 pages of specification and claims.

- ☒ This non-provisional application claims priority to U.S. application no. 60/420,126 filed October 22, 2002.

Enclosed also are:

- ☒ 3 sheet(s) of drawings.  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(b) & 1.27(c).  
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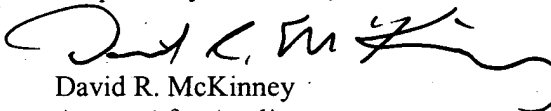
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